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The Department of Ecology is hosting an open house to share information on the upcoming water quality standards rulemaking for PCB variances on the Spokane River. The variances were requested by five Spokane River dischargers.

The purpose of this open house is to revisit general information about variances and background on PCBs from **previous workshops**. Our goal is to provide the public with information that will assist with the upcoming review of the draft rule. We expect to have draft rule language and supporting documents available for public comment in May 2020, at which time we will hold public hearings.

During the open house, we will cover:

- An overview of PCBs in the environment
- The water quality standard for PCBs and how we measure it
- What is a variance and how does it affect compliance with water quality standards?
- How we evaluated each individual discharger variance application
- What to expect during the formal public comment period

There are two opportunities to attend this open house:

in person

March 24, 2020, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Spokane Community College – Lair Student Center 1810 N Greene St., Spokane WA, 99217

Online via webinar

March 26, 2020, 2-4:30 p.m.

Register for the webinar

The in-person open house will include a presentation followed by an informational poster session with an opportunity to speak with Ecology staff. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the formal presentation will begin at 6 p.m.

The online webinar will include the formal presentation, as well as the poster content. Ecology staff will be available for questions after the presentation.

Questions about this workshop? Email Marla Koberstein or call 360-407-6413.

Visit our rulemaking page or **view our focus sheet** to learn more about the proposed PCB Variances for the Spokane River.

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